

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

President, Jack Richert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center of Huron High School.

Members Present: Roupe, Szawara, Whited, Gill, Richert, and Cornwall

Members Absent: Ferguson (excused)

Pledge to the flag was given.

17/18-024. Moved by Gill, seconded by Szawara, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2017, as presented.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**Public Concerns and Comments:**

There were no public concerns or comments made.

17/18-025. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Gill, that the Board of Education approve the probationary teaching contract and hiring of Amy Huziak as the Special Education, Emotional Impairment teacher at Brown Elementary, for the 2017-2018 school year, pending the results of the pre-employment physical, as presented.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.

17/18-026. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Gill, that the Board of Education approve the probationary teaching contract and hiring of Lindsey Ivan as the .5 FTE Resource Room teacher between Brown and Miller Elementary, for the 2017-2018 school year, pending the results of the criminal history background, as presented.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.

17/18-027. Moved by Gill, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Megan Perez, as the Special Education Aide, at Brown Elementary, effective September 5, 2017, pending the results of the criminal history background and pre-employment physical, as presented.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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17/18-028. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Gill, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Diane Ritthaler, as the Lunchroom Aide at Huron High School, effective September 6, 2017, as presented.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.

17/18-029. Moved by Gill, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Angelina Bausman, as the Special Education Aide at Huron High School, effective September 6, 2017, pending the results of the pre-employment physical, as presented.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.

17/18-030. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Sarah Goddard, as the Special Education Aide at Renton Junior High School, effective September 11, 2017, pending the results of the pre-employment physical, as presented.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.

17/18-031. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the updated list of Fall Sports Coaches, as presented.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**Superintendent Comments:**

Mr. Naughton gave an update on the classroom sizes at Brown Elementary. They have been monitoring the numbers all summer between kindergarten and fifth grade. An option was considered to send some of the kindergarten children to Miller Elementary, however logistically this was not an option. Mrs. Gilbert, the Principal at Miller, offered an available classroom for Mrs. Seels' class. When this was being considered there were six (6) children in her class, three of which lived in the Miller area. Moving this class to Miller is the most reasonable situation. After Kindergarten Round Up, we usually see an increase of 25% in kindergarten numbers. Since June we had over a 50% increase. There will be a parent meeting on Friday, September 15, 2017. We have never seen the numbers increase this fast and this rate. We also have to look at modular classrooms. He went into great detail about IDI (Integrated Designs, Inc), who the district and the Facilities Committee have been working with, to see the needed changes at Brown.

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*Superintendent's Comments (continued):*

He also commented that it was a great start to the new school year. He is working with HEA and Teamsters to do something special for all of the staff, before the Homecoming game this year. Fall sports is in full swing and they are doing really well. The STEM lab is waiting on some equipment and furniture for the elementary levels.

Mr. Richert added that we should be having some bonds fall off in approximately 2 ½ years and we will need to consider getting a community group to look at the IDI report and put together a “bond team”. Based on IDI’s preliminary reports, Huron will need a new school. If we run the bond proposal concurrent with the expiration of the current bonds, we would be able to say that there is no new taxes. This would create approximately \$42 million dollars to build a school.

Finding the next Superintendent is the Board first priority, however this is something that the new Superintendent will need to be prepared for. He also stated that the Board felt that there was no need for Mr. Naughton to remain at the meeting, while they discuss the stakeholder input and criteria for the next Superintendent. Mr. Naughton excused himself at 6:16 p.m.

**Dr. Rod Green, Michigan School Board Association:**

Dr. Green went over the results from his face-to-face stakeholder input results regarding what was important for the next Superintendent. He also went over the survey results. Over 100 people completed the survey. The results of the survey will be posted on the website so that everyone can see them. There are similarities between the online survey and the face-to-face input.

He also went through all of the Selection Criteria for the application process and made a few minor changes to the original criteria. Dr. Green stated that he has already received twelve (12) applications.

Dr. Green then went through the current Superintendent’s contract and the example contract for the next Superintendent. They went over each aspect of the contract.

**Comments from the Board of Education:**

Cory Roupe stated that fall athletics are in full swing. STEM is going well and the Junior High gym floor is coming along well. He also welcomed all of the new hires.

Trena Szawara congratulated all of the new hires and commented how well the buildings look. She stated that we will work hard to get through our growing pains and we will come through it stronger.

Alice Whited echoed the previous comments. She has received feedback from the Brown Elementary parents about the Leader in Me program and they are very excited.

Mike Gill congratulated the new employees and thanked all of the stakeholders who came out to see the Board meeting. He stated that this is an extremely important things that the Board will have to decide on. He also recognized those who lost their lives on 9/11 and to keep those families in your thoughts.

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*Comments from the Board of Education (continued)*

Nathan Cornwall reiterated the same sentiments from the previous Board members and welcomed back all of the staff and congratulated the new hires.

Jack Richert stated that the Girls Golf team is still winning. Cross Country will have their invitational this Saturday at Willow. He thanked Dr. Green for everything that he has done. And there is over a thousand children relying on their decision.

17/18-032. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Whited to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m..

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0

Motion carried.